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Clyde Cardebury Co., Covington, Ga. 30210

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY

#### STATE OF GEORGIA

JANET HULL

Plaintiff,

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Civil Action File No.

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PHOENIX LIFE INSURANCE CO., 6k/a
PHOENIX HOME LIFE MUTUAL LIFE
INSURANCE CO., HENDERSON
GLOBAL INVESTORS (NORTH
AMERICA), INC. d/b/a STONEMILL
APARTMENTS and ZOM RESIDENTIAL
SERVICES, INC. d/b/a STONEMILL
APARTMENTS.

Defendants.

#### SUMMONS

#### TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is:

Fred P. Anthony, Esq. McMahan Law Firm 5955 Jimby Carter Blvd., Suite 120 Norcross, GA 30071 (770) 416-1501

and answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This 24 day of Age 2006

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STATE OF DELAWARE)

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**NEW CASTLE COUNTY)** 

Re: JANET HILL VS. PHOENIX LIFE INSURANCE CO F/K/A PHOENIX HOME LIFE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO ET AL Civil Action No. 2006CV115646OSW

Scott Phillips, being duly sworn, deposes that he/she is a Deputy Sheriff and avers that he/she served upon and left personally upon SCOTT LA SCALA, SERVICE OF PROCESS OF THE CORPORATION TRUST COMPANY, REGISTERED AGENT FOR HENDERSON GLOBAL INVESTORS NORTH AMERICA. AT: 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware on 5/12/2006 at 11:30AM a copy of Out of State Summons and Complaint.

The Deponent further avers that he/she knew the person so served to be the same person as mentioned in the Out of State document.

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STATE OF DELAWARE)

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**NEW CASTLE COUNTY)** 

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on May 16, 2006 personally came before me, the Subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Delaware, Scott Phillips, a Deputy Sheriff of New Castle County and State of Delaware, and stated that the facts stated above are true and correct.

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# IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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JANET HILL,

Plaintiff,

V.

PHOENIK LIPE INSURANCE CO., f/k/a
PHOENIK HOME LIFE MUTUAL LIFE
INSURANCE CO., HENDERSON
GLOBAL INVESTORS (NORTH
AMERICA), INC. d/b/a STONEMILL
APARTMENTS and ZOM RESIDENTIAL
SERVICES, INC. d/b/a STONEMILL
APARTMENTS,

Defendants.

Civil Action File No.

2006 CV 1151-46

### COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

COMES NOW, JANET HILL, Plaintiff in the above-styled matter, and respectfully submits this her Complaint against the above-named Defendants and shows the Court the following:

1.

Plaintiff JANET HILL is a resident of Hamilton County, Tennessee and is subject to the jurisdiction of this court by virtue of filing this lawsuit.

2.

Defendant PHOENIX LIFE INSURANCE CO. 5%/a PHEONIX HOME LIFE MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. (hereinafter, "PHOENIX" or collectively "Defendants") is a foreign corporation registered with the Georgia Secretary of State to transact business; in the state of Georgia, which, upon information and belief, owned the property known as Stone Mill

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Autments located at 2575 Delk Road, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia at all times partinent to as events set forth in this Complaint. Said Defendant is subject to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court.

3.

Defendant PHOENIX's registered agent for service of process is CT Corporation System, and may be served at 1201 Peachtree NE, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia 30361.

4.

Defendant HENDERSON GLOBAL INVESTORS, (hereafter "Henderson" or collectively "Defendants") is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. Upon information and belief, Defendant Henderson owned and/or operated an apartment complex known as Stone Mill Apartments located 2575 Delk Road, Merletta, Cobb County, Georgia at all times pertinent to the events set forth in this Complaint. Said Defendant is subject to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court.

5.

Defendant Henderson's registered agent for service of process is The Corporation Trust Company, and may be served at 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delware 19801.

6.

Defendant Henderson is subject to the jurisdiction and venue of this court by virtue of its business conducted within the State of Georgia and by virtue of the Georgia Long Arm Statute.

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Defendant ZOM RESIDENTIAL SERVICES, INC., (hercinafter "ZOM" or collectively "Defendants") is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida. Upon

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information and belief, Defendant ZOM owned and/or operated and managed an apartment

complex known as Stone Mill Apartments located 2575 Delk Road, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia, at all times pertinent to the events set forth in this Complaint.

8.

Defendant ZOM's registered agent for service of process is ZOM Development, Inc., and may be served at 1950 Summit Park Drive, Ste. 300, Orlando, Orange County, Florida 32810.

9.

Defendant ZOM is subject to the jurisdiction and venue of this court by virtue of its business conduct within the State of Georgia and by virtue of the Georgia Long Arm Statute.

10.

At the time of the incident set forth herein, and for a period of time previously. Defendants knew, or should have known, that a portion of the edge of one of the concrete blocks on a front sidewalk leading from the roadway to the individual housing units had broken off and the ground had eroded leaving a hole, thereby creating a hazardous and dangerous condition to invitees, like the Plaintiff, using the sidewalk.

11.

In addition, at the time of the incident set forth herein, and for a period of time previously, Defendants knew, or should have known, that during periods of rain, water would accumilate on the sidewalk and actually cover the sidewalk and/or camoullage the broken sidewalk and depth of the hole in the sidewalk.

12.

The Defendants, as owners and/or occupiers of the subject apartment complex where this incident occurred, owed a duty to invitees, like the Plaintiff, to exercise reasonable case in

On Saturday, May 29, 2004, at approximately 6 a.m., while it was still dark outside, Ms. Hill went to the Stone Mill of East Cobb Apartments located at 2575 Delk Road in Marietta, GA to pick up her sister to leave for a family vacation to Orlando, Florida. Ms. Hill had never been to her sister's spartment prior to this date. The vehicle in which Ms. Hill was riding pulled up to the front of the apartment complex and Ms. Hill disembarked from the vehicle and proceeded toward her sister's apartment. As Ms. Hill returned to her vehicle, which had moved to a different location from where she disembarked, she stepped onto the sidewalk. The sidewalk was covered by rainwater, and she fell into a hole created by a collapsed section of the sidewalk. Ms. Hill's left foot fell into the hole and caused her to full. As a result of her fall, she fractured her left foot.

14.

While walking, in the rainy weather, Ms. Hill maintained reasonable diligence in watching where she was walking. She was traveling on the designated sidewalk and fell into the sidewalk due to its condition of disrepair. In falling, she was thrown forcefully onto and against the ground, incurring injuries.

15.

As a result of this trip and fall, Plaintiff suffered serious and disabling personal injuries to her body, including a fracture to her left fifth metwarsal.

16.

As a further result of said fall and the resulting injuries, Plaintiff has incurred reasonable and necessary medical expenses for the treatment of her injuries, and will continue to incur medical expenses in the future. See Exhibit "A".

A proximate cause of the injuries and damages sustained by Plaimiff was the negligence of the Defendants in failing to discharge their responsibilities to maintain said premises, including the sidewalks on its grounds, in a safe condition, including, but not limited to:

- failing to properly maintain and for the subject portion of the sidewalk, given its 8) state of disrepair and the hazard it posed to invitees like Plaintiff;
- failing to warn invitees like Plaintiff in any way whatsoever of an unsafe **b**) condition on their sidewalks;
- failing to maintain proper drainage to ensure visibility and safe travel on the c) designated sidewalks; and
- d) Defendants were otherwise negligent.

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18.

The serious and debilitating injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff were proximately caused by the negligent acts of the Defendants referenced above.

19,

At all times pertinent hereto. Defendants, and their agents and employees, had superior knowledge to that of the Plaintiff of the unsafe condition of its premises. At all times prior to her fall, the defective condition of the sidewalk was unknown to the Plaintiff.

WHIEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the issuance and service of summons in terms of law: that she have trial by jury; and that she have judgment against Defendants in an amount to be determined by the enlightened conscience of an impartial jury; and such further relief as to which she may be entitled, together with the costs of this action.

SUBMITTED this the 19th day of April, 2006.

McMahan Law Phra Attorneys for Plaintiffs

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Norcross, Georgia 30071

(770) 416-1501 (770) 416-1605 (fax)

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

JANET HILL,	)(	
Plaintiff,	)( )(	
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	)(	NO. 2006-CV-115646
PHOENIX LIFE INSURANCE CO., f/k/a	)(	
PHOENIX HOME LIFE MUTUAL LIFE	)(	
INSURANCE CO., HENDERSON		
GLOBAL INVESTORS, (NORTH		
AMERICA), INC. d/b/a STONEMILL		
APARTMENTS and ZOM RESIDENTIAL		
SERVICES, INC. d/b/a STONEMILL	)(	
APARTMENTS,	)(	
	)(	
Defendants.	)(	

### ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES OF PHOENIX LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

COMES NOW PHOENIX LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, f/k/a
PHOENIX HOME LIFE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY (hereinafter also
referred to as "Phoenix Life") and files this Answer and Defenses to Plaintiff's
Complaint For Damages ("Complaint"), showing the Court as follows:

#### FIRST DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint may fail to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

#### SECOND DEFENSE

Plaintiff may have assumed the risk of any injuries she allegedly sustained and, if so, Plaintiff may not recover against Phoenix Life.

#### THIRD DEFENSE

Phoenix Life breached no duty owed to Plaintiff and Plaintiff may not, therefore, recover any sums from Phoenix Life.

#### FOURTH DEFENSE

At all times concerning the occurrence giving rise to this action, Plaintiff may not have been exercising ordinary care for her own safety, and, thus, Plaintiff may not be entitled to recover damages against Phoenix Life.

#### FIFTH DEFENSE

If anyone was negligent, and Phoenix Life expressly denies that it was negligent in any respect whatsoever, Plaintiff may have been contributorily or comparatively negligent in a degree equal to or greater than any other alleged negligence, and, if so, Plaintiff is not entitled to recover anything from Phoenix Life.

#### SIXTH DEFENSE

If anyone was negligent, and Phoenix Life expressly denies that it was negligent in any respect whatsoever, Plaintiff, in the exercise of ordinary care for her own safety, could and should have avoided the consequences of any such alleged negligence, and, therefore, Plaintiff is not entitled to recover anything.

#### SEVENTH DEFENSE

The sole, direct and proximate cause of any injury or damage which

Plaintiff allegedly sustained was due to the negligence of some person, persons, or

entity other than Phoenix Life and, therefore, Plaintiff is not entitled to recover anything from Phoenix Life.

#### **EIGHTH DEFENSE**

The sole proximate cause of any injury or damage Plaintiff allegedly sustained may have been Plaintiff's own negligence.

#### NINTH DEFENSE

No act or omission on the part of Phoenix Life caused or contributed to any of the alleged injuries or damages claimed by Plaintiff, and therefore Plaintiff is not entitled to recover anything from Phoenix Life.

#### TENTH DEFENSE

In answer to the specific allegations of Plaintiff's Complaint, Phoenix Life responds as follows:

1.

Phoenix Life is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 1 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Phoenix Life can neither admit nor deny same.

2.

Phoenix Life admits it is a foreign corporation registered with the Georgia Secretary of State to transact business in the State of Georgia. Phoenix Life admits, on May 29, 2004, it owned the property at 2575 Delk Road, Marietta,

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Cobb County, Georgia, where the Stonemill Apartments were located. Phoenix Life admits it is subject to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court.

3.

Phoenix Life admits the allegations in Paragraph 3 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

4.

Phoenix Life denies, on May 29, 2004, Defendant Henderson owned and/or operated an apartment complex known as Stonemill Apartments located at 2575 Delk Road, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia. Phoenix Life is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 4 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Phoenix Life can neither admit nor deny same.

5.

Phoenix Life is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 5 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Phoenix Life can neither admit nor deny same.

6.

Phoenix Life is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 6 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Phoenix Life can neither admit nor deny same.

Phoenix Life denies Defendant ZOM Residential Services, Inc., on May 29, 2004, owned the apartment complex known as Stonemill Apartments, located at 2575 Delk Road, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia. Phoenix Life admits Defendant ZOM, on May 29, 2004, operated and managed the apartment complex known as Stonemill Apartments located at 2575 Delk Road, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia. Phoenix Life is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 7 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Phoenix Life can neither admit nor deny same.

8.

Phoenix Life is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 8 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Phoenix Life can neither admit nor deny same.

9.

Phoenix Life is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 9 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Phoenix Life can neither admit nor deny same.

10.

Phoenix Life denies as alleged the allegations in Paragraph 10 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

11.

Phoenix Life denies as alleged the allegations in Paragraph 11 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

12.

Phoenix Life denies as alleged the allegations in Paragraph 12 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

13.

Phoenix Life is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 13 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Phoenix Life can neither admit nor deny same.

14.

Phoenix Life denies as alleged the allegation in Paragraph 14 of Plaintiff's Complaint that she was traveling on the designated sidewalk and fell into the sidewalk due to its condition of disrepair. Phoenix Life is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 14 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Phoenix Life can neither admit nor deny same.

15.

Phoenix Life is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 15 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Phoenix Life can neither admit nor deny same.

16.

Phoenix Life is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 16 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Phoenix Life can neither admit nor deny same. The copy of Plaintiff's Complaint in the possession of Phoenix Life does not have an Exhibit "A" as is referred to in Paragraph 16 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

17.

Phoenix Life denies the allegations in Paragraph 17 of Plaintiff's Complaint, including subparagraphs "a" through "d".

18.

Phoenix Life denies the allegations in Paragraph 18 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

19.

Phoenix Life denies it had superior knowledge to Plaintiff regarding the alleged property condition which allegedly caused Plaintiff to be injured in May 2004. Upon information and belief, Phoenix Life denies the other Defendants had superior knowledge to Plaintiff regarding the alleged property condition which allegedly caused Plaintiff to be injured in May 2004. Phoenix Life is presently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegation in Paragraph 19 of Plaintiff's Complaint that the alleged condition was unknown to Plaintiff. Phoenix Life denies as alleged the remaining allegations in Paragraph 19 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

Phoenix Life denies Phoenix Life should be responsible for any of the relief requested in the "WHEREFORE" clause of Plaintiff's Complaint. All allegations of the Complaint not already expressly admitted, denied, or neither admitted nor denied based upon lack of information, are hereby denied.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered Plaintiff's Complaint, Phoenix Life prays that it be discharged without liability and all costs of this action be cast upon Plaintiff. PHOENIX LIFE DEMANDS A TWELVE PERSON JURY TRIAL for all issues appropriate for a jury to resolve.

This 25 day of May 2006.

SWIFT, CURRIE, McGHEE & HIERS, LLP

BY:

Bradley S. Wolff

Georgia State Bar No. 773388

Scott M. Williamson

Georgia State Bar No. 764249

Attorneys for Defendants

The Peachtree, Suite 300 1355 Peachtree Street, N.E. Atlanta, GA 30309-3238 Telephone: (404) 874-8800

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the within and foregoing ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES OF PHOENIX LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY upon all parties to this matter by depositing a true copy of same in the U.S. Mail, proper postage prepaid, addressed to counsel of record as follows:

> Fred P. Anthony, Esq. Shilpa S. Masih, Esq. 5955 Jimmy Carter Boulevard - Suite 120 Norcross, GA 30071

day of May 2006.

SWIFT, CURRIE, MCGHEE & HIERS, LLP

By:

Georgia State Bar No. 764249

Attorney for Defendant

Phoenix Life Insurance Co.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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PHOENIX HOME LIFE MUTUAL LIFE	)(	
INSURANCE CO., HENDERSON	)(	
GLOBAL INVESTORS, (NORTH	)(	
AMERICA), INC. d/b/a STONEMILL	)(	
APARTMENTS and ZOM RESIDENTIAL	)(	
SERVICES, INC. d/b/a STONEMILL	)(	
APARTMENTS,	)(	
	)(	
Defendants.	)(	

### ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES OF HENDERSON GLOBAL INVESTORS (NORTH AMERICA) INC.

#### COMES NOW HENDERSON GLOBAL INVESTORS (NORTH AMERICA)

INC. (incorrectly identified in the style of this case as "d/b/a Stonemill Apartments" and hereinafter also referred to as "Henderson Global Investors") and files this Answer and Defenses to Plaintiff's Complaint For Damages ("Complaint"), showing the Court as follows:

#### FIRST DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint may fail to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

#### SECOND DEFENSE

Plaintiff may have assumed the risk of any injuries she allegedly sustained and, if so, Plaintiff may not recover against Henderson Global Investors.

#### THIRD DEFENSE

Henderson Global Investors breached no duty owed to Plaintiff and Plaintiff may not, therefore, recover any sums from Henderson Global Investors.

#### FOURTH DEFENSE

At all times concerning the occurrence giving rise to this action, Plaintiff may not have been exercising ordinary care for her own safety, and, thus, Plaintiff may not be entitled to recover damages against Henderson Global Investors.

#### FIFTH DEFENSE

If anyone was negligent, and Henderson Global Investors expressly denies that it was negligent in any respect whatsoever, Plaintiff may have been contributorily or comparatively negligent in a degree equal to or greater than any other alleged negligence, and, if so, Plaintiff is not entitled to recover anything from Henderson Global Investors.

#### SIXTH DEFENSE

If anyone was negligent, and Henderson Global Investors expressly denies that it was negligent in any respect whatsoever, Plaintiff, in the exercise of ordinary care for her own safety, could and should have avoided the consequences of any such alleged negligence, and, therefore, Plaintiff is not entitled to recover anything.

#### SEVENTH DEFENSE

The sole, direct and proximate cause of any injury or damage which Plaintiff allegedly sustained was due to the negligence of some person, persons, or entity other than Henderson Global Investors and, therefore, Plaintiff is not entitled to recover anything from Henderson Global Investors.

#### EIGHTH DEFENSE

The sole proximate cause of any injury or damage Plaintiff allegedly sustained may have been Plaintiff's own negligence.

#### NINTH DEFENSE

No act or omission on the part of Henderson Global Investors caused or contributed to any of the alleged injuries or damages claimed by Plaintiff, and therefore Plaintiff is not entitled to recover anything from Henderson Global Investors.

#### TENTH DEFENSE

Henderson Global Investors raises the defenses of insufficiency of service of process, improper venue, and lack of jurisdiction over the person.

#### **ELEVENTH DEFENSE**

In answer to the specific allegations of Plaintiff's Complaint, Henderson Global Investors responds as follows:

1.

Henderson Global Investors is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 1 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Henderson Global Investors can neither admit nor deny same.

2.

Upon information and belief, Henderson Global Investors admits, on May 29, 2004, Phoenix Life Insurance Company owned the property at 2575 Delk Road, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia, where the Stonemill Apartments were located. Henderson Global Investors is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to

the truthfulness of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 2 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Henderson Global Investors can neither admit nor deny same.

3.

Henderson Global Investors is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 3 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Henderson Global Investors can neither admit nor deny same.

4.

Henderson Global Investors admits it is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware. Henderson Global Investors denies, on May 29, 2004, it owned and/or operated an apartment complex known as Stonemill Apartments located at 2575 Delk Road, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia. Henderson Global Investors denies it is subject to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court.

5.

Henderson Global Investors admits the allegations in Paragraph 5 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

6.

Henderson Global Investors denies the allegations in Paragraph 6 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

7.

Henderson Global Investors denies Defendant ZOM Residential Services, Inc., on May 29, 2004, owned the apartment complex known as Stonemill Apartments, located at 2575 Delk Road, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia. Henderson Global Investors admits Defendant ZOM Residential Services, Inc., on May 29, 2004, operated and managed the apartment complex known as Stonemill Apartments located at 2575 Delk Road, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia. Henderson Global Investors is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 7 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Henderson Global Investors can neither admit nor deny same.

8.

Henderson Global Investors is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 8 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Henderson Global Investors can neither admit nor deny same.

9.

Henderson Global Investors is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 9 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Henderson Global Investors can neither admit nor deny same.

10.

Henderson Global Investors denies as alleged the allegations in Paragraph 10 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

11.

Henderson Global Investors denies as alleged the allegations in Paragraph 11 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

12.

Henderson Global Investors denies it owned or occupied the subject apartment complex where the alleged incident occurred. Henderson Global Investors denies as alleged the remaining allegations in Paragraph 12 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

13.

Henderson Global Investors is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 13 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Henderson Global Investors can neither admit nor deny same.

14.

Henderson Global Investors denies as alleged the allegation in Paragraph 14 of Plaintiff's Complaint that she was traveling on the designated sidewalk and fell into the sidewalk due to its condition of disrepair. Henderson Global Investors is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 14 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Henderson Global Investors can neither admit nor deny same.

15.

Henderson Global Investors is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 15 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Henderson Global Investors can neither admit nor deny same.

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Henderson Global Investors is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 16 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, Henderson Global Investors can neither admit nor deny same. The copy of Plaintiff's Complaint in the possession of Henderson Global Investors does not have an Exhibit "A" as is referred to in Paragraph 16 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

17.

Henderson Global Investors denies the allegations in Paragraph 17 of Plaintiff's Complaint, including subparagraphs "a" through "d".

18.

Henderson Global Investors denies the allegations in Paragraph 18 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

19.

Henderson Global Investors denies it had superior knowledge to Plaintiff regarding the alleged property condition which allegedly caused Plaintiff to be injured in May 2004. Upon information and belief, Henderson Global Investors denies the other Defendants had superior knowledge to Plaintiff regarding the alleged property condition which allegedly caused Plaintiff to be injured in May 2004. Henderson Global Investors is presently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegation in Paragraph 19 of Plaintiff's Complaint that the alleged condition was unknown to Plaintiff. Henderson Global Investors denies as alleged the remaining allegations in Paragraph 19 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

Henderson Global Investors denies Henderson Global Investors should be responsible for any of the relief requested in the "WHEREFORE" clause of Plaintiff's Complaint. All allegations of the Complaint not already expressly admitted, denied, or neither admitted nor denied based upon lack of information, are hereby denied.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered Plaintiff's Complaint, Henderson Global Investors prays that it be discharged without liability and all costs of this action be cast upon Plaintiff. HENDERSON GLOBAL INVESTORS DEMANDS A TWELVE PERSON JURY TRIAL for all issues appropriate for a jury to resolve.

This 26 day of May 2006.

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#### ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES OF HENDERSON GLOBAL

INVESTORS upon all parties to this matter by depositing a true copy of same in the U.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

JANET HILL,		
Plaintiff,	)( )(	CIVIL ACTION FILE
	)( )(	CIVIL ACTION FILE
V.	)( )(	NO. 2006-CV-115646
PHOENIX LIFE INSURANCE CO., f/k/a	)(	
PHOENIX HOME LIFE MUTUAL LIFE		
INSURANCE CO., HENDERSON		
GLOBAL INVESTORS, (NORTH		
AMERICA), INC. d/b/a STONEMILL	)(	
APARTMENTS and ZOM RESIDENTIAL	)(	
SERVICES, INC. d/b/a STONEMILL	)(	
APARTMENTS,	)(	
	)(	
Defendants.	)(	

### ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES OF ZOM RESIDENTIAL SERVICES, INC.

COMES NOW ZOM RESIDENTIAL SERVICES INC. (incorrectly identified in the style of this case as "d/b/a Stonemill Apartments" and hereinafter also referred to as "ZOM Residential Services") and files this Answer and Defenses to Plaintiff's Complaint For Damages ("Complaint"), showing the Court as follows:

#### FIRST DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint may fail to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

#### SECOND DEFENSE

Plaintiff may have assumed the risk of any injuries she allegedly sustained and, if so, Plaintiff may not recover against ZOM Residential Services.

#### THIRD DEFENSE

ZOM Residential Services breached no duty owed to Plaintiff and Plaintiff may not, therefore, recover any sums from ZOM Residential Services.

#### FOURTH DEFENSE

At all times concerning the occurrence giving rise to this action, Plaintiff may not have been exercising ordinary care for her own safety, and, thus, Plaintiff may not be entitled to recover damages against ZOM Residential Services.

#### FIFTH DEFENSE

If anyone was negligent, and ZOM Residential Services expressly denies that it was negligent in any respect whatsoever, Plaintiff may have been contributorily or comparatively negligent in a degree equal to or greater than any other alleged negligence, and, if so, Plaintiff is not entitled to recover anything from ZOM Residential Services.

#### SIXTH DEFENSE

If anyone was negligent, and ZOM Residential Services expressly denies that it was negligent in any respect whatsoever, Plaintiff, in the exercise of ordinary care for her own safety, could and should have avoided the consequences

of any such alleged negligence, and, therefore, Plaintiff is not entitled to recover anything.

#### SEVENTH DEFENSE

The sole, direct and proximate cause of any injury or damage which Plaintiff allegedly sustained was due to the negligence of some person, persons, or entity other than ZOM Residential Services and, therefore, Plaintiff is not entitled to recover anything from ZOM Residential Services.

#### EIGHTH DEFENSE

The sole proximate cause of any injury or damage Plaintiff allegedly sustained may have been Plaintiff's own negligence.

#### NINTH DEFENSE

No act or omission on the part of ZOM Residential Services caused or contributed to any of the alleged injuries or damages claimed by Plaintiff, and therefore Plaintiff is not entitled to recover anything from ZOM Residential Services.

#### TENTH DEFENSE

ZOM Residential Services raises the defenses of insufficiency of service of process, improper venue, and lack of jurisdiction over the person.

#### ELEVENTH DEFENSE

In answer to the specific allegations of Plaintiff's Complaint, ZOM Residential Services responds as follows:

1.

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ZOM Residential Services is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 1 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, ZOM Residential Services can neither admit nor deny same.

2.

Upon information and belief, ZOM Residential Services admits, on May 29, 2004, Phoenix Life Insurance Company owned the property at 2575 Delk Road, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia, where the Stonemill Apartments were located. ZOM Residential Services is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 2 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, ZOM Residential Services can neither admit nor deny same.

3.

ZOM Residential Services is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the allegations in Paragraph 3 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, ZOM Residential Services can neither admit nor deny same.

4.

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ZOM Residential Services denies as alleged, on May 29, 2004, Defendant Henderson operated an apartment complex known as Stonemill Apartments located at 2575 Delk Road, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia. ZOM Residential Services is currently without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the remaining allegations in Paragraph 4 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and, therefore, at this time, ZOM Residential Services can neither admit nor deny same.

5.

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